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SUBJECT: MIYAZAWA VISIT TO SEOUL

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1. AS FAR AS FONOFF BUREAUCRACY CONCERNED, MIYAZAWA VISIT TO SEOUL STILL NOT FORMALLY DECIDED. NORTHEAST ASIA DIVDIR SEO TOLD EMBOFFS JULY 14 THAT GOJ STILL EXPECTING SOME GESTURE FROM ROK ON OLD SUBJECT OF KIM DONG UN, AND THAT FORMAL DECISION ON MIYAZAWA VIST WOULD BE MADE WITHIN NEXT THREE DAYS. WHEN WE COMMENTED THAT VISIT APPEARED TO BE FAIR ACCOMPLI AFTER JULY 5 MIKE ANNOUNCEMENT AND MIYAZAWA PRESS CLUB SPEECH JULY 10, SEO RESPONDED THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PLACED IN AWKWARD POSITION DOMESTICALLY IF FONMIN MADE TRIP WITHOUT SOME SATISFACTION ON KIM DONG-UN. FONMIN'S ORIGINAL POSITION PRIOR TO MIKE ANNOUNCEMENT, ACCORDING TO SEO, WAS THAT RIP SHOULD ONLY BE MADE ON THIS CONDITION. SEO BELEIVES THAT MIYAZAWA READ ABOUT MIKE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT IN NEWSPAPER AN WAS SURPRISED TO DISCOVER THAT PRIME MINISTER ATTACHED NO CONDITION TO MIYAZAWA MAKING TRIP. SINCE THEM MIYAZAWA HAS GONE ALONG WITH IDEA OF VISIT AS PRESENTED BY MIKI BUT APPARENTLY STILL ENTERAINS HOPE OF SOME QUID PRO QUO FROM ROK. SEO COMMENTED THAT MUCH POLICY NOWADAYS BEING MADE AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTRY AND GOVERNMENT, A PHENOMENON HE FOUND FRUSTRATING, "PARTICULARLY WHEN BADLY DONE" BY THE LEADERS. ON SEVERAL OCC-
ASIONS SEO TOLD US HE HAS HAD NO QUALMS ABOUT CALLING THE PRIVATE

SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE
WAY ISSUES HAVE BEEN HANDLED.

2. CMMMENT: SEO'S FRUSTRATION DHARED BY OTHERS IN FONOFF
WHO MISS THE OHIRA AND KIMURA DAYS WHEN MID-LEVEL FONOFF
OFFICIALS HAD FIRMER CONTRLL OVER POLICY LINES IN THEIR
AREAS. SEO'S TELLING OF MIYAZAWA'S UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT THE SEOUL
VISIT ILLUSTRATES THE LESS-THAN-INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIKI
AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, A POINT AT WHICH SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE
HINTED RECENTLY.

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